

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : HELDRETH Art Unit: 3733
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TENSION ASSESSMENT DURING JOINT ARTHROPLASTY

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2008 for three (3) month(s) from December 3, 2008 to March 3, 2009. A Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review are being filed concurrently herewith.

The cost of filing this Petition is being paid on-line via EFS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP777USNP/SJM.

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